

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is requested. Claims 1-34 are pending, with claims 1 and 31 being independent. Claim 35 was previously canceled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication of the allowable subject matter set forth in claims 7, 9-12, 19-21 and 22.

NON-STATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

Claims 1-3, 8, 13-17, 20, 23-26 and 31-34 stand rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,951,628 ("the '628 patent") and U.S. Patent No. 6,175,615 ("Guru"); and claims 1-6, 8, 13-18, 20 and 23-34 stand rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,980,629 ("the '629 patent") and Guru.

Concurrently herewith, Applicants have filed two terminal disclaimers under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome the above-recited rejections. Allowance of the present application is requested.

CONCLUSION

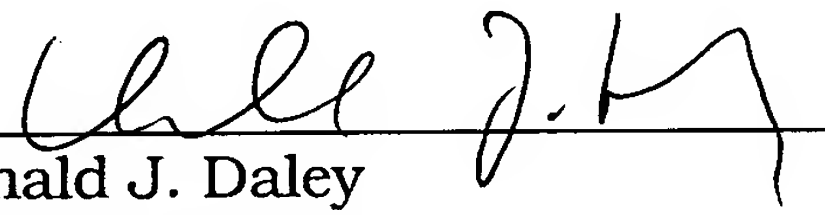
In view of above remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding rejection and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Andrew M. Waxman, Reg. No. 56,007, at the number of the undersigned listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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